

IN THE DRAWINGS:

A replacement sheet is attached adding blocks 200 and 300 to Fig. 1.

REMARKS

The Abstract objection is avoided by the abstract amendment herein.

The drawing objections are avoided by the drawing amendments to Fig. 1 and specification amendments corresponding to the drawing amendments.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 12-19, 23, 25, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by Oishi.

Claims 1-10, 12-21, 23-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by Katsuta.

Claims 11 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Katsuta in view of Rzepkowski.

New claim 27 distinguishes over Oishi for the following reasons. Claim 27 recites input or output fields to be displayed with the help of the graphical user interface and which are preset and assigned to every user account. A user account is selectable from at least two preset user accounts. According to the user account selected, a graphical user interface having the assigned input or output fields is output. Thus with help of the user accounts, as recited in claim 27 different access rights to operating functions of the printing or copying system are obtained. These features in combination, and particularly the presetting and assignment of individual input or output fields to a user account is not disclosed in Oishi. In Oishi, an operational unit is disclosed for an image generating system having a graphical user interface comprising at least one input and one output field. According to a user identification, the user may select among displayed functions of the image generating system, namely a copy function, facsimile function, or printer function. Depending on the user identification only a portion of these functions will be displayed for selection. Thus there is no possibility of individual adjustment of the

user interface for individual users beyond the selection of these basic functions. Claim 27 distinguishes as indicated above by input or output fields which are preset and assigned to every user account by the aid of the graphical user interface.

Claim 27 distinguishes over Katsuta at least by reciting that input or output fields are preset and assigned to every user account with aid of the graphical user interface. This is not possible in Katsuta which only teaches an image processor is known whose function scope is determined depending on a set user level.

Dependent claims 28-37 are allowable at least for the reasons claim 27 is allowable and also by reciting additional features not suggested.

Independent claims 38, 39, and 41 contain features similar to claim 27 are allowable at least for the reasons noted with respect to claim 27. Dependent claims 40, and 42-43 are allowable at least for the reasons respective independent claims are allowable.

Since the Examiner cited Rzepkowski only for disclosing an operation pane of an image forming apparatus including a check box in a shift register to control a preview pane, this reference when combined with either Katsuta or Oishi would not suggest the invention since the features not found in Katsuta or Oishi discussed above are not found in Rzepkowski.

Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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